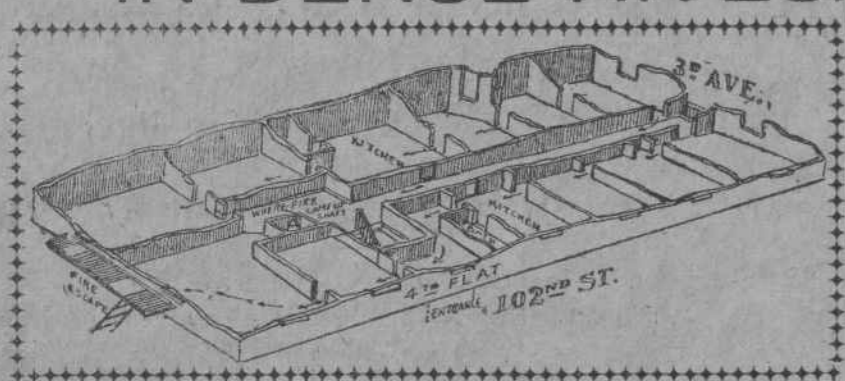


## TWO FATAL FIRES IN TENEMENTS.



Scene of the Tenement Fire Where Five Lives Were Lost.

The flames went up through the dumb waiter shaft marked "A," cutting off the front of the flats from the fire escape in the rear. The arrows show how occupants of the front apartments might have reached the fire escape, had it not been that in some instances the rear rooms were sublet and locked doors shut them off.

## Seven Human Beings, Cut Off from Escape by Locked Doors or Not Aroused in Time, Burned to Death—Another Will Die.

### THE DEAD.

At Third avenue and One Hundred and Second street:

Patrick Barrett, thirty-three years old.

Della Barrett, his wife, twenty-seven years old.

Julia Barrett, their daughter, seven years old.

Henry Dickerson, a bricklayer, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Unidentified woman.

In Tenth avenue fire:

Mrs. Kate Fox, thirty years old.

James Fox, her son, two years old.

THE INJURED.

Mrs. Susan Mabee, sixty years old, will die.

Mrs. Mabel Barrett, nine years old, eyes burned.

MARY FARLEY, twenty-three years old.

DELLA O'CONNOR, twenty-two years old.

LOUISE SCHNEIDER, fifty-two years old.

All in Third avenue fire.

Seven lives were sacrificed to inadequate fire escape facilities, and faulty, though legal, construction in two tenement houses.

The fire in the fire escape tenement house at the south-east corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Second street started a family of four were practically wiped out—three dead and one dying—while two other tenants perished in the flames. A mother died with her baby clasped to her breast in a fire in the tenement house at No. 406 Tenth avenue.

The Third avenue fire was in a building of ancient construction, a regular tinder box. It was originally designed to accommodate two families on each floor, and the fire escape was placed in the rear to avoid hindering the front of the building.

The fire spread from the rear to the front gallery, and, under the law, the "three escape facilities" were sufficient.

But in fact they were entirely inadequate, and this was due to the fact that a dumb waiter shaft ran up through the building by the side of the fire escape, and cut off the fire escape.

As the flames utilized the dumb waiter shaft and stairway as a fire escape, this, some of the tenants submit, their rear rooms or kept themselves, putting, at least, three families on a floor.

The same condition applied, in a modified form, in the Tenth avenue tenement.

There were no front fire escapes, and when the unfortunate woman who lost her life tried to reach the rear fire escape with her baby, she found her way barred by the flames.

She perished in the endeavor to get to the rear by way of the staircase.

A Baker Gave the Alarm.

The loss of life in the Third avenue fire would have been heavier had not the duties of his position compelled a baker who lived across the street to get up at 4 o'clock in the morning.

He saw the smoke, and, as the baker secured stones from an excavation that was being made in the street and threw them at the windows, at the same time uttering his voice in warning.

A bartender at a saloon a block away heard him and turned in the alarm. The flames

spread as they might in a powder mill.

The Barrett family lived on the top floor in the north flat. They had as guests Della O'Connor, Kate Farley and Mary Farley, who slept in front rooms and were the first to awaken.

The O'Connors got up and opened the door of their room and entered the hall, creating a draught. The fire had swept up the stairway and the dumb waiter shaft to the roof, and Della O'Connor's open door furnished it with an excuse to swing down the hallway.

The girls' night dress caught fire, and in a moment the Barrett flat was ablaze, with the father and mother and one child sleeping in the rear over the furnace made by the stairway and the dumb waiter shaft.

Barrett, his wife and his youngest daughter were burned to death in bed. Della O'Connor, the Farley girls, and nine-year-old Mabel Barrett reached the front windows and hung out. The firemen, who arrived with ladders and ropes, rescued them.

Della O'Connor and the Farley girls were not badly burned, but poor little Mabel Barrett's eyes were destroyed, and the fingers of her right hand were cooked. The child was still alive last night, but cannot survive.

Rescued by Ladders and Ropes.

The south flat on the top floor was occupied by Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Fletcher. They were rescued by fireman Mulster, who reached their window with a scaling ladder and passed them to a window in the building next door, where they were rescued by brother fireman William C. Price, driver of Hook and Ladder No. 12, lowered Mrs. McAbee, frightfully burned, from the third floor by a rope.

Charles Harris, was carried by firemen from their flat on the third floor.

Harris roomed with Henry Dickerson, a bricklayer. Dickerson remained behind his roommate to dress and was found in the front room on the floor, where he had succumbed to the flames while trying to reach the window out of which Harris was tending.

Mrs. Childs, on the third floor, sublet the two rear rooms of her flat to Louise Schneider and her son, August. The Schneiders got down by the fire escape, as did others in the south flat, and Mrs. Childs was carried by firemen to the street.

Went from the Street to Death.

The body of the unknown woman was found in the hallway on the fourth floor. The south flat on this floor was unoccupied, and it is supposed that she had gained entrance to it from the street, and was sleeping there, as she was not a tenant of the building or a boarder with any of the tenants.

The practice of sub-letting rooms in flats of the character of the one which was destroyed is common and dangerous, as it shuts off access to the fire escapes because of locked doors.

The Tenth avenue fire broke out while the fire in Harlem was raging. Mrs. Fox was the wife of a Tenderloin cabman, and was alone in her apartments with her baby. Other tenants got out by way of the fire escape or the roof, but Mrs. Fox had evidently slept through the preliminary alarm.

The firemen found her and her baby burned out of all resemblance to human shape, on a landing on the third floor where they entered the building after the fire had been extinguished. Shut off from the fire escape, she had tried in vain to reach the roof with the little one.

Parents Prayed, But Baby Died.

The Jordans Put Their Trust in Providence, but Did Not Help.

A little Western Union messenger boy has made as much trouble as a lad of his size could for the persons in a copper deal.

His failure to deliver a telegram cost the man who did not get it \$1,000 and spoiled \$86,000 profits for the senders.

John P. Martin, his sons and some business associates own the stock of the Martinique copper mines, at Tucson, Ariz.

An option in a big block of Martinique stock was given by Mr. Martin ten days ago to the representatives of a syndicate of Boston and Baltimore investors. The option had three days to run, and Mr. Martin expected to close the deal.

On the evening of the third day he had no news. The option did not expire till midnight, and Mr. Martin and his son waiting at their office in the St. James building, Broadway, waited for the telegram that would close the last minute. Between 11 o'clock and midnight Mr. Martin asked the night superintendent of the building whether any message had come for him and got a negative reply.

Negotiations with other persons were begun by the Martins on the following day.

On the second day, Leon O. Bailey, counsel for the Boston and Baltimore folks, appeared ready to complete the deal.

Your option has expired," was Mr. Martin's greeting.

"You got my telegram?" said Mr. Bailey.

Investigation proved that a message had been delivered to the night superintendent, who had put it in the rack in the elevator car, and the telegram had been stolen by persons whose identity and motives are unknown. Mr. Martin refused to consider the unverified telegram a sufficient notice to bind the bargain.

The Boston and Baltimore people had made investigations in the three days, the result of which made them want stock more than ever. Experts' reports had shown greater values for the property, and the quoted value of the shares involved in the imperfect deal was \$600,000 higher.

Mr. Martin paid Mr. Bailey a sum reputed to be \$1,000 as a bonus for release from all claims. The Western Union office, which sent him to ask if he intended making trouble for the company.

"Oh, I guess not," said Mr. Martin, thinking of his \$85,000; "but don't do it again."

Dewey Began Again for His Chinese.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Admiral Dewey has renewed his request to Secretary Long that the Chinese who served with him during the battle of Manila Bay be given the right to enter the United States free of restrictions. The request has been forwarded to Congress for consideration.

Votes Cost \$30 Each.

Thirty-one soldiers' ballots were cast in as many election districts in this city yesterday, and though the votes did not affect the result of the recent election, it cost \$30 for each election district to cast the vote. There were votes from sixteen election districts in Manhattan, four in the Bronx, and in Brooklyn and one in Richmond.

The Journal printed last week 10,817 employment "Want" Adverts., which is 3,311 more than any other newspaper.

## SENATE TO TALK OF FINANCIAL BILL, JAN. 4, 1900

Aldrich Announces His Intention to Press the Financial Bill.

### A SUBSTITUTE MEASURE

Senator Allen Takes His Seat and Stewart Wants a Cable to Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Discussion in the Senate of the financial measure drafted by the Republican majority of the Committee on Finance will begin on Thursday, January 4, the day after the holiday recess. This announcement was made in the Senate to-day by Mr. Aldrich (R. I.), chairman of the Finance Committee, in connection with his report of the Senate substitute for the financial bill passed by the House.

Mr. Aldrich, who will have charge of the measure, declared his purpose to press the measure to passage as soon as possible, and at his suggestion it was referred to the Finance Committee.

This committee agreed to several changes in the phraseology of the bill. One of these changes was made in the second section, relating to the sale of bonds for the maintenance of the gold reserve, and is as follows:

"The gold coin received from the sale of said bonds shall be entered into the general fund of the Treasury and exchanged for notes which have been redeemed in the manner heretofore provided, and the amount of gold coin and notes in the reserve fund shall at no time exceed the sum of \$150,000,000."

Another change applies to the provision concerning the issuance of notes by banks so as to provide explicitly for the application of this provision to banks "upon which an amount of circulating notes has been issued less than the par value of the bonds."

A provision is also added for the repeal of the present law limiting the issuance of bank notes to less than the par value of bonds deposited.

Among the joint resolutions introduced in the Senate was one by Senator Stewart authorizing the Commercial Cable Company to lay a cable between the United States and Cuba. It reads as follows:

"That the Secretary of War be and he is hereby authorized did directed to grant a permit to the Commercial Cable Company of Cuba to lay and operate a submarine cable from the coast of the United States to the island of Cuba on the terms and conditions usual in such cases."

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Relations with Cuba. William V. Allen, the recently appointed Senator from Nebraska, was present when the Senate convened to-day, and at the conclusion of the reading of the Journal Mr. Thurston, his colleague, presented him at the Secretary's desk, where the oath of office was administered. Mr. Allen was cordially greeted by his old colleagues.

The resolution of the House announcing the death of Richard P. Bland was read, and Mr. Thurston, of Missouri, moved the adoption of the Senate as an additional mark of respect, adjourned.

### HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEES.

Chairman Payne, of the Ways and Means, Makes His Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Ways and Means Committee of the House held a short meeting to-day at which Chairman Payne announced the following committees:

Customs, Customs Districts and Customs Officers.—Messrs. Payne, Dabell, Hopkins, Grover, Russell, Richardson and Robertson.

Administration of Customs Laws.—Messrs. Payne, Dabell, Steele, Swann, McCall and Newlands.

Internal Revenue.—Messrs. Steele, Russell, Hopkins, Tamm, McCall and Cooper (Texas).

Public Debt, the Preservation of the Public Credit and Redemption of Government Notes.—Messrs. Payne, Dabell, Steele, Swann, McCall, Russell and Richardson.

Reciprocity and Commercial Treaties.—Messrs. Payne, Dabell, Steele, Swann, McCall, Russell and Cooper (Texas).

Revenue from Other Sources than Customs and Excise.—Messrs. Payne, Dabell, Steele, Swann, McCall, Russell, Hopkins, Tamm, McCall and Cooper (Texas).

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## Only Three More Nights of Christmas

WEDNESDAY, Thursday and Friday nights only, to see Wanamaker's in its Christmas toggery under the glint of its thousands of electric lights. The store will be closed at 7 o'clock Saturday evening—for that's the secular Christmas Eve.

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Paris and Berlin are charming gift things.

Look at one—

Of pastel-gray broad cloth, 44 in. long. Seven rows of white braid are swished round it in pleasing curves and twists; shoulders seem to be made up of similar braiding. There is a large flaring collar, edged with white fox. The cape is full lined with quilted white silk. The price is \$73—and this one of the Paris conjurings.

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But we're careful to make other presents right—even by after-Christmas alterations.

There are black capes—some especially suited to elderly women—\$25 to \$68.

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## Warm Waists and Wrappers

Think it over, are there not half a dozen people whom you should remember, and can best remember—by giving them something to wear? We are not thinking so much of the abjectly poor as of those under your roof.

Pretty Flannel Waists at \$5. Others at prices touching as low as \$1.25.

Flannelette Waists, 75c and 95c.

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Cashmere Wrappers at \$3.75 to \$20.

Silk Wrappers, \$10 to \$36.

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## Girls' Shirt Waists

These are garments for girls of 12 to 16 years. Warm, well made waists, and, withal, stylish. Of various flannels and velveteen. At \$1.75 there are waists of fine flannel, attractively trimmed with rows of white braid. Some also at \$2.50 and \$3. And at \$3.75 pretty waists of velveteen, with full front and French back. Second floor, Fourth avenue.

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DUMAS, ALEXANDRE—Romances. 15 vols.,